

PE1412/N

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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 4 March following the committee's consideration of the response by my official, Frances MacQueen, of 12 December 2013 in connection with PE1412 on Bonds of Caution. I understand that the Committee was disappointed with the terms of the letter and is seeking information on when a decision will be made in relation to progressing the recommendations on Bonds of Caution contained in the Scottish Law Commission's Report on Succession.

Whilst I appreciate that the Committee is keen for progress to be made on this issue, it is not possible to give a more precise timeframe for this work at present. However, I can confirm that this work remains under consideration which I hope will provide reassurance to the committee and the petitioner.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Roseanna Cunningham